

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of § **Art Group: 3672**
Hall, David R., et al. § **Examiner: Coy, Nicole A**
Serial No.: 10/711,596 §
Filed: September 28, 2004 § **Docket No.: 66.0077**
For: Filter for a Drill String §

January 25, 2007
Honorable Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

This paper, submitted with a request for continuing examination, is timely submitted in response to the Patent and Trademark Office Action mailed September 13, 2006 and an advisory action mailed December 20, 2006 for which the shortened – statutory period for response *plus a two month extension for time* is set to expire on February 13, 2007. Reconsideration of the application in view of the following amendments and remarks is respectfully requested.

R.C.E. AMENDMENT

Please amend the above-identified application as follows: